[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they have omitted to mention the names of members of the Legislative Council in the list of persons present at the Durbar held in connection with the Investiture Ceremony of His Highness the Maha Raja in the *Gazette Extraordinary* published in connection with the Investiture Durbar; and

(*b*) the reason for omitting to mention certain persons alone from among the invited guests?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The attention of the member is invited to the answer to question No. 138 by Mr. K. P. Abraham.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The question is not whether the list is exhaustive or not. The list may not be exhaustive. But, while the Government considered that they could mention all these corporate bodies or persons, namely, the Chief Justice, the Judges of the High Court of Travancore and other chief officers of the Government, as also the Bishops of Travancore and Cochin, and also the Metropolitan, why did they not find time or space to mention the names of the Council members also?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer that it is an omission, and that the omission was not deliberate.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know why they thought that they could afford to make an omission?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is an omission. Omissions cannot be explained.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Government will see that such omissions will not take place hereafter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They will see to it.

Amount spent on flood relief work in the Parur and Kunnatnad taluks.

141. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts spent by the Government on flood relief work in the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad during the last 25 years?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The information is not immediately available and the Government think that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is out of all proportion to its utility.

Tom-tom charges under the Revenue Recovery Regulation.

142. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether under the practice now in vogue more than one tom-tom is made for one sale under the Revenue Recovery Regulation; and

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(*b*) whether the Government are not realising from the people tom-tom charges at the rate of 14 chs. in the mofussil and 21 chs. in towns?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Only one tom-tom is made for each sale.

(*b*) The rate of tom-tom charges has been fixed at chs. 21 per diem for the municipal towns of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey, Kottayam and Parur and for the hilly tracts, and at chs. 14 per diem for other places in the low country.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Does the member know whether, in British India, the rate is higher or lower?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag: Secretary to Government*): I have not been able to compare the rates.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether the Dewan Peishkars have recommended that these tom-tom charges might be done away with, or reduced?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag: Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the member be pleased to state whether all the tom-tom charges that are realised from the people are paid over to the drum-beaters?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes; it is supposed so.

The embankment and bridge at Talayolaparambu.

143. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the cost of the bridge and embankment of Talayolaparambu and the estimated amount for reconstructing the latter; and

(*b*) when they hope to finish the new work?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The estimated cost of the bridge and enbankment is Rs. 11,430 and that for reconstructing the latter is Rs. 2,820.

(*b*) It is reported that the work has been practically completed.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഇതിൽ പുരുങ്ങിയതുകയ്ക്കു ആ പാലം പണിയുന്നതിനു കൺടാക്ടർമാർ തയ്യാറുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവോ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു യാതൊരറിവുമില്ല.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): തോട്ടിൻറെ ഏതാനംഭാഗം നികത്തി ഒരു ചെറിയ പാലമാണ് അവിടെ പണിതതു് എന്നുള്ളതു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻറെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ എത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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